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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to fee calculation and examination please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

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 Please cancel claims 2-7.

Please add the following new claims.

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- 8. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bridging agent has at least two epoxy groups or isocyanate groups in the molecule.
 - 9. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liquid medium contains 0.001 to 0.8 mole of the bridging agent per unit of the basic polymer.
 - 10. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the basic polymer is selected from the group